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- 25X1 1. In theory AVH is supervised by the Hungarian Ministry of Interior. However, in practice the activities of AVH are directed by the Central Committee of the Hungarian Communist Party- under the over-all control of the Soviet NKVD.
- 25X1 2. The head of AVH is General Gábor Péter (real name Rosenstein, first name uncertain). He was born at Kiszvárd in 1906. He was a tailor's apprentice when at the age of 15 he became involved in a plot against the Horthy Regime. He fled to Moscow, where he was accepted as a trusted Communist and where, eventually, he became a Soviet citizen. Prior and during World War II, he was sent on a number of clandestine missions into Hungary and Rumania. He is thought to be an intimate of Vice-Premier Mátyás Rákosi. Péter has been in charge of AVH since 1945.
3. Member of General Péter's staff:
- Chief of the Secretariat, Colonel István Szűcs
 - Chief of the Public Order Section, Colonel József Balázs
 - Chief of State Security, Colonel Andor Csapó
 - Chief of Defense (counter-espionage), Colonel Pál Szarvas
 - Chief of Information, unknown
 - Chief of the Code Section, Major György Gravans
 - Commander of the Uniformed Force (force publique), Colonel György Sifkovics
4. The main components of AVH are:
- a. The Mobile Force
 - b. The Regional Offices
 - c. The Border Guards

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5. The Mobile Force.

a. Location:

1st Battalion, at the barracks located at the intersection of Törökvész ut and Gábor Áron ut, Budapest.

2nd Battalion, at the barracks on Lepke ut 20, Budapest.

3d Battalion, at the barracks on Mosony ut, Budapest.

4th Battalion, " " " " " " "

5th Battalion, at the barracks on Konti utca, Budapest.

6th Battalion, at the barracks located at the intersection of Vágóhid ut and Tóth utca,

7th Battalion, at the barracks on Söptei ut, Szombathely.

8th Battalion, at the barracks on Diósgyőr utca, Miskolc.

9th Battalion, at the barracks located on the highway leading to Budapest, Szeged.

b. Strength:

1) Each battalion consists of 2 companies of motorized riflemen, 1 heavy weapons company, and 1 company of armored cars; 4 companies in all.

2) Each company is divided into 3 platoons, and each platoon into three squads. There are 15 men in each squad.

3) Each battalion has a radio-telegraph platoon, manning four stations, one for each company.

4) The 6th Battalion has 2 armored car companies and 2 tank companies.

5) The 7th Battalion does not have any armored car companies.

6) The heavy weapons companies consist of:

1 platoon (3 squads), having three 41 mm. anti-tank weapons, one for each squad.

1 platoon (3 squads), equipped with three 82 mm. mortars, one for each squad.

1 platoon (3 squads), armed with an unknown number of Maxim machine guns.

7) The armored car companies consist of 3 platoons, usually employed as 6 half-platoons. Each half platoon operates 2 armored cars. The armored cars are Russian 1942-types. Each car is armed with a Degtyarev 12.8 caliber machine gun.

8) The 10th Battalion is in the process of organization.

c. Recruiting. All candidates are thoroughly screened for loyalty. Approximately 80 per cent of all candidates are proteges of Communist Party functionaries.

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d. Training. The training emphasizes:

- 1) Combat at night.
- 2) Tactical exercises in conjunction with friendly or against hostile partisans.
- 3) House-to-house combat and street fighting.

6. The Regional Offices.

a. Location:

- 1st Region, Sztalin ut 90, Budapest.
- 2nd Region, Hotel Tisza, Szeged.
- 3d Region, Péterfia utca, Debrecen.
- 4th Region, Zichy liget, Szekesfehervar.
- 5th Region, Otometo utca, Pecs.
- 6th Region, street unknown, Miskolc.
- 7th Region, street unknown, Szolnok.
- 8th Region, Tökölly ut, Szombathely.

b. Strength:

- 1) The 1st Region (Budapest) has an estimated force of 2,500 plain-clothes men.
- 2) All regional office employees are civilians.
- 3) Each regional office has at its disposal one company of the regular gendarmerie. A gendarmerie company consists of 3 rifle platoons and 1 heavy weapons platoon.

Each of the gendarmerie rifle platoons are divided into 3 squads.

A heavy weapons platoon of the gendarmerie is divided into 2 light mortar squads and 2 machine gun squads.

- 4) Special police, guarding vital industrial installations, are subject to the orders of the regional offices.
- 5) It is believed that the AVH airfield police is also responsible to the regional offices. AVH detachments are known to be stationed at the following airfields:

Budaörs, Vecsés, Siófok, Szombathely, Győr, Pecs, Szeged, Békéscsaba, Debrecen, Miskolc.

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6) Subdivisions:

1st Region is subdivided into	5	districts	and	16	sub-districts
2nd " " " "	7	"	"	17	" "
3d " " " "	4	"	"	21	" "
4th " " " "	4	"	"	9	" "
5th " " " "	3	"	"	20	" "
6th " " " "	5	"	"	12	" "
7th " " " "	5	"	"	4	" "
8th " " " "	7	"	"	23	" "

7. The Border Guards. These are in the process of reorganization and relocation.
No further information available at the date of this report.

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